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Celebrate the Grand Opening of the West Oaks Wildflower Garden

Calling all nature lovers! Celebrate the grand opening of the West Oaks Wildflower Garden with a StoryWalk® and fun take-home crafts for families at West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center. Learn about Florida native wildflowers and plants as you enjoy the benefits of reading and the outdoors at the same time. StoryWalk® is a way to exercise your body and mind as you have fun reading the story and enjoying nature along the way. The West Oaks Wildflower Garden has been made possible by a \$300 grant awarded by The Florida Wildflower Foundation.

The West Oaks Wildflower Garden features Florida native plants and flowers, including Sunshine Mimosa, Black-Eyed Susan, Butterfly Milkweed, Partridge Pea, Wild Pennyroyal and many more. This demonstration garden will showcase the natural beauty of Florida and the importance of supporting native pollinators, decreasing air and water pollution, providing wildlife habitat, and in general, creating a better environment for all Floridians

Branch Manager Sarah Qronfleh says the \$300 will go a long way toward creating the garden.

The [Wildflower Garden Grand Opening StoryWalk®](#), featuring the story *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert, will be on display at West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center, on Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to Noon. [West Oaks Branch](#) is located at 1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL and is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Florida Wildflower Foundation protects, connects and expands native wildflower habitats through education, research, planting and conservation. For more information, visit www.flawildflowers.org.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. For more information, visit www.kellogghubbard.org/storywalk.

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